

Odessa Biodiesel Site
Response to Request dated 1/29/2018

1. Respondent Information

- a. Damon Pistulka, (b) (6) Edmonds WA 98026
- b. Damon Pistulka is the only person responding for TransMessis Columbia Plateau (TCP) at this time. Damon Pistulka, not currently involved in the business, No business address, Cell #: (b) (6) dpistulka@evergreenrenewable.com. The company was shut down due to lack of funds and there are no employees.
- c. None
- d. TransMessis leased and occupied the facility from the OPDA from November 2013 Through July 2014. (The OPDA notified TCP in August 2014 that they were terminating the facility lease) (See PDF - 1d OPDA termination email). The OPDA subsequently notified TCP by email that they were not terminating the lease on September 11, 2014 (Seed PDF 1.d OPDA lease termination delay) and the ultimately terminated the lease in December 2014 (PDF 1.d OPDA formal lease termination).
- e. Same timeframe as d.
- f. The facility crushed canola seed for the oil and used that as a feedstock to produce biodiesel on site. The facility produced canola oil, canola meal, biodiesel, and glycerin for sale. Raw materials and products moved in and out of the site by truck and rail.
- g. I am not intimately familiar with the process. Joel Edmonds (TCP General Manager) had operated the facility prior to TCP involvement (See 1.g Odessa Biodiesel Site Background) and was responsible for the operations at the facility. The company bought canola seed, and used that to produce, canola meal, glycerin, refined canola oil, and/or biodiesel. I do not know all the chemicals involved in the process.
- h. No

2. Site Activities and Interests

- a. I am not aware of or possess any documents relating to soil, sediment, water, and air quality. Documents pertaining to this were either taken by the EPA in March 2015 when they were at the facility or they remain in the facility.
- b. I have photos from the day we signed the lease with the OPDA. See (2.b Nov 13 2013 photos PDF). (I have 250+ photos from that day if you would like them all.) TCP (under the direction of Joel Edmonds) began a 6-week long process of cleaning the plant and preparing the equipment for operations. During this time the company spent over \$50,000 in labor and \$20,000 in disposal costs cleaning the plant and surrounding properties of junk, debris and product totes to allow for operations to commence in late December 2013
- c. The facility was crushing canola seed, refining canola oil, producing biodiesel producing glycerin and canola meal on site. Documents pertaining to this were

either taken by the EPA in March 2015 when they were at the facility or they remain in the facility.

- d. e. (You skipped d in your list, so this is e in your list) I know that the chemicals required to produce the canola oil and biodiesel were brought on site. I was not aware of accepting anything outside of these items. I do not have any records of these specific items. I believe the waste materials were nonhazardous and approved for normal landfill disposal, so they were put into a dumpster and disposed of normally. The residual canola oil liquids from the canola oil refinement process were disposed of by contracting with Big Sky Industrial in Spokane. Documents pertaining to this were either taken by the EPA in March 2015 when they were at the facility or they remain in the facility.
- e. f. I am not familiar with any equipment on site that would have PCB's. Documents pertaining to this were either taken by the EPA in March 2015 when they were at the facility or they remain in the facility.
- f. g. I know that normal grease and oils used to lubricate pumps and other moving parts were used at the site, but I do not have specific details on what items were used where. I do know that most of the lubricants were purchased locally. Documents pertaining to this were either taken by the EPA in March 2015 when they were at the facility or they remain in the facility.
- g. h. I do not have any records pertaining to site drainage. I do recall the city did grading to improve rainwater drainage along the street. The OPDA may have those types of records. Any TCP documents pertaining to this were either taken by the EPA in March 2015 when they were at the facility or they remain in the facility.
- h. i. I do not have any records pertaining to past activities. The OPDA may have those types of records.

3. Information About Others

- a. Business relationships
 - i. We leased the facility from the OPDA in November 2014 (see attached 3.a Odessa Biodiesel Facility lease PDF document)
 - ii. AMCI FINANCE (AMCI) provided TCP with a fully secured working line of credit. All inventory and assets of TCP were pledged to secure this line of credit. AMCI FINANCE, a Washington corporation, 104 South Freya Street, Lilac Flag Building Suite 216, Spokane, Washington 99202 – See (3.a.11 AMCI LOC Agreement)
- b. None
- c. Joel Edmonds President/General Manager Cell # (b) (6) Steven Powell, Oil Production, Refining, and Maintenance Manager, Cell # (b) (6) Chris Stout, Biodiesel and Logistics Manager, Cell # (b) (6)

4. Financial Information

- a. I do not possess these documents. EIN (b) (4)

- b. TCP did not own anything other than items relating to the OPDA owned Odessa Biodiesel Site. These assets were pledged towards working LOC (see 3.a.ii)
- c. TCP was a wholly owned subsidiary of TransMensis Renewable Energy (TRE).
 - i. TRE did not exercise control over daily operations.
 - ii. November 2013 through the end of the TCP business.
 - iii. 100%
 - iv. I do not possess any documents relating to the ownership of TRE.
 - v. I do not possess any TRE insurance policies relating to the Odessa Biodiesel Site.
 - vi. I do not possess any corporate financial information relating to TRE.

5. Insurance Coverage

- a. I have included the insurance policy I have for TCP during the operation of the facility and through August 14, 2014. (see 5.a TCP General Liability and Environmental Policy & 5.a TCP General Environmental Excess Policy & 5.a TCP insurance cancellation 1 & 2)
- b. None
- c. Payne West Insurance, 390 Bradley Blvd Richland, WA 99352, Phone 509-946-6161
- d. I know of no claims filed with the insurance provider while TCP operated the facility.
- e. None
- f. I am not sure what you are asking for here.
- g. I was not aware of a document retention policy for insurance documents.

6. Compliance with This Request

- a. There are no current employees of TCP, so none were consulted for this response. Damon Pistulka completed this information from memory and electronic records from emails.
- b. I have several boxes of employee records I retrieved from the Odessa Biodiesel Site after the EPA clean up at my home (b) (6) Edmonds WA 98026. I have access to my old TCP emails.